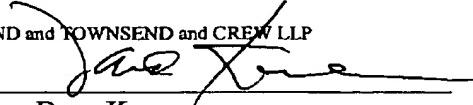


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the office action mailed on January 27, 2006. A petition for a one month extension of time until March 27, 2006 accompanies this paper.

In response to the request to elect claims, applicants respond as follows:

Applicants elect group III: claims 16-20.

With regard to an election of species, applicants elect:

the hairpin linker of GGGTTGCC where N₁ is GGG, N₂ is TTG and N₃ is CCC; and,

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